

To the Committee regarding H.B. 6355 the Red Flag Bill:

I am speaking out against H.B. 6355, as the majority of legal gun owners do not support more gun laws.

With regards to Raised House Bill 6355, consider the following:

Have you considered what the possibility of the unintended consequences of this bill could be.

(1) Former partners, family members, or roommates seeking revenge could use this. There should be a penalty and prosecution for maliciously false accusations.

(2) When it comes to seizing guns through a petition, the standards that a judge uses should be high, and require facts, and investigation that show "an imminent and extreme risk" like under current law.

(3) This bill sets a precedent for the use of harsh measures against individuals not because they are alleged to have committed any crime, but because somebody believes or feels they might, someday, commit one.

(4) The court order authorized by this bill could be issued without any indication that the person poses an imminent threat to others.

(5) The court order would require the confiscation of firearms owned by the person and place the burden on him or her to prove by clear and convincing evidence that they should be returned.

(6) If a person's firearms are seized, those firearms, often family heirlooms should be able to be transferred to family members who can lawfully possess firearms. This is unacceptable.

OPPOSE Raised House Bill 6355 An Act Concerning Risk Protection Orders or Warrants.

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